

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney Docket  
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N32040200WFZW  
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2815Application Serial Number:  
09/981,402Filing Date:  
10/17/2001Examiner:  
Richards, N. D.Group Art Unit:  
2815

Invention: Semiconductor Device and for Its Manufacture

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|               | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID<br>FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 7                                   | MINUS | 20                                       | 0                              | \$18 | \$ 0.00           |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3                                   | MINUS | 3  | 0                              | \$86 | \$ 0.00           |

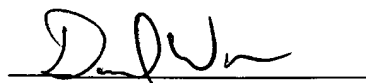
\_\_\_\_ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ to and through \_\_\_\_\_, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

\_\_\_\_ one month (\$110)                      \_\_\_\_ three months (\$950)  
\_\_\_\_ two months (\$400)                      \_\_\_\_ four months (\$1510)

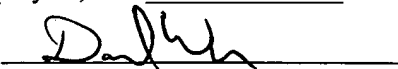
## TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

- \_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- \_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- \_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.
- \_\_\_\_ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ No additional fee is required. It is believed that the indicated items are timely filed. However, in the event an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2087.

July 30, 2004  
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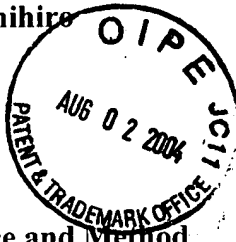
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for Its Manufacture

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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A. Introductory Comments

The following is submitted in response to the FINAL Office Action dated June 2, 2004.  
The two month Advisory Action period ends August 2, 2004.

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37 C.F.R. §1.8

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